

REMARKS

As discussed previously, Claims 29-40 are herein canceled, without prejudice, and new Claims 41-48 are herein added to better encompass the full scope and breadth of the present invention. The claimed subject matter of new Claims 41-48 is fully supported by the originally filed Specification (p. 3, ll. 18-26; p. 4, ll. 1-4; p. 4, ll. 18-21; p. 5, l. 21 - p. 7, l. 5), filed December 28, 1998, and by the present continuation application (p. 6, l. 17 - p. 7, l. 7), filed December 12, 2000. The term "color-assignable areas" covers both integral solid color areas as well as retrofit solid color areas in a single claim for simplicity. Therefore, reconsideration of the present application in light of the foregoing amendment and these remarks is respectfully requested. *The Examiner and the Supervisory Patent Examiner are cordially invited to telephone the undersigned for any reason that would advance the pending claims to allowance.*

Respectfully submitted,



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MARKED-UP VERSION OF THE CLAIMS**In the Claims:**

A. Kindly cancel Claims 29-40, without prejudice.

B. Kindly add new Claims 41-48, consistent with the substance of the August 21, 2002, Telephonic Interview conducted by Supervisory Patent Examiner Brian Sircus, with Mr. F. David LaRiviere and May Lin DeHaan, as follows.

--41. (New) A solid color-coded AC electrical power distribution system, said system comprising:

a housing member having a plurality of electrical outlets for connecting electrical power to a plurality of peripheral devices,

said housing member, said plurality of electrical outlets, and said plurality of peripheral devices, each having a plurality of color-assignable areas,

each area of said color-assignable areas on said housing member having a corresponding plurality of color-coded indicia for identifying and for associating each outlet with one of said plurality of peripheral devices;

and

a plurality of attachable color-coded labels for selectively reassigning one or more of said plurality of color-assignable areas to a corresponding number of different ones of said plurality of peripheral devices.--

--42. (New) A system, as recited in Claim 41, wherein said color-coded labels further include indicia for identifying which of said plurality peripheral devices has been assigned a new color.--

--43. (New) A solid color-coded AC electrical power distribution system, said system comprising:

a housing member having a plurality of electrical outlets for connecting electrical power to a plurality of peripheral devices,

5 said housing member, said plurality of electrical outlets, and said plurality of peripheral devices, each having a plurality of color-assignable areas,

each area of said color-assignable areas on said housing member having a corresponding plurality of color-coded indicia for identifying and for associating each outlet with one of said plurality of peripheral devices;

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a plurality of attachable color-coded labels for selectively reassigning one or more of said plurality of color-assignable areas on said housing member to a corresponding number of different ones of said plurality of peripheral devices.--

--44. (New) A system, as recited in Claim 43, wherein said color-coded labels further include indicia for identifying which of said plurality of peripheral devices being assigned a new color.--

--45. (New) A solid color-coded AC electrical power distribution system, said system comprising:

a housing member having a plurality of electrical outlets for connecting electrical power to a plurality of peripheral devices,

5 said housing member, said plurality of electrical outlets, and said plurality of peripheral devices, each having a plurality of color-assignable areas,

each area of said color-assignable areas on said housing member having a corresponding plurality of color-coded indicia for identifying and for associating each outlet with one of said plurality of peripheral devices;

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a plurality of attachable color-coded labels for selectively reassigning one or more of said color-assignable areas on one or more of said plurality of electrical outlets to a corresponding number of different ones of said plurality of peripheral devices.--

- 46. (New) A system, as recited in Claim 45, wherein said color-coded labels further include indicia for identifying which of said plurality of peripheral devices has been assigned a new color.--
- 47. (New) A solid color-coded AC electrical power distribution system, said system comprising:
a housing member having a plurality of electrical outlets for connecting electrical power to a plurality of peripheral devices,
5 said housing member, said plurality of electrical outlets, and said plurality of peripheral devices, each having a plurality of color-assignable areas,
each area of said color-assignable areas on said housing member having a corresponding plurality of color-coded indicia for identifying and for associating each outlet with one of said plurality of peripheral devices;
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a plurality of attachable color-coded labels for selectively reassigning one or more of said color-assignable areas on one or more of said plurality of peripheral devices to a corresponding number of different ones of said plurality of electrical outlets.--
- 48. (New) A system, as recited in Claim 47, wherein said color-coded labels further include indicia for identifying which of said plurality of peripheral devices has been assigned a new color.--